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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Todd J. MORTIER et al.) Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 09/981,790) Examiner: David Willse
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Filed: October 19, 2001)
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For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM) Confirmation No.: 6743
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE)
AND METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, Applicants request the withdrawal of the claim rejections and allowance of pending claims 59-62, 64, 66-68, 83, and 84 for the reasons explained in the following **Remarks** section of this paper.